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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE - MR. FUNG TUNG

1. MR. FUNG TUNG (FUNG IS SURNAME), SENIOR HOUSING MANAGER, HOUSING DEPARTMENT, HONG KONG GOVERNMENT, IS SCHEDULED TO VISIT VANCOUVER TO PARTICIPATE IN UN CONFERENCE ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS FROM MAY 31 TO JUNE 11, 1976. HE WISHES TO VISIT U.S. AT END OF CONFERENCE AND POST REQUESTS FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING APPOINTMENTS BEGINNING JUNE 11 FOR MAXIMUM OF THREE WEEKS.

2. MR. FUNG WAS BORN IN HONG KONG APRIL 4, 1936, BRITISH SUBJECT. RECEIVED HONG KONG UNIVERSITY CERTIFICATE IN SOCIAL STUDIES; ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF ROYAL INSTITUTION OF CHARTERED SURVEYORS, MEMBER OF INSTITUTE OF HOUSING MANAGER, U.K. PRESENT POSITION IS SENIOR HOUSING MANAGER, HOUSING DEPARTMENT, HONG KONG GOVERNMENT. HE IS IN CHARGE OF APPLICATIONS FOR LOW-COST HOUSING. HE IS ALSO PART TIME LECTURER AT UNIVERSITY. HOME ADDRESS: FLAT 2C, RIDGE COURT, 21 REPULSE BAY ROAD, HONG KONG. TRAVEL ABROAD: 1966 EUROPE AND ENGLAND (STUDY LEAVE); 1970 JAPAN (PLEASURE TRIP); 1972 THAILAND, MALAYSIA (VACATION); 1975 THE PHILIPPINES (CONFERENCE), OKINAWA AND BURMA (VACATION). NEVER VISITED U.S. ENGLISH VERY GOOD. SPEAKS CANTONESE AND MANDARIN. SINGLE. NAME OK.

3. MR. FUNG IS INTERESTED IN SEEING NEW HOUSING PROJECTS, MEETING ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS AND POLICY-DECISIONS MARKERS, AND VISITING LOW-COST HOUSING. HE IS ALSO INTERESTED IN STUDYING URBAN RENEWAL PROJECTS, HOME-OWNERSHIP PLANS, URBAN PLANNING AND
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IMPROVEMENT ON LOW-COST HOUSING. SUGGEST VISIT TO COUPLE

UNIVERSITIES ALSO BE INCLUDED.

4. SINCE HE PLANS TO RETURN HOME VIA EUROPE, HE CAN STOP IN WASHINGTON OR EAST COAST AREA WHERE THERE ARE NEW HOUSING PROJECTS. THROUGH HE WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE SAN DIEGO, LOS ANGELES, COLORADO AND SAN FRANCISCO IN ITINERARY HE IS WILLING TO SUBSTITUTE OTHER CITIES WITH INTERESTING HOUSING PROJECTS. WOULD WELCOME HOME HOSPITALITY.

5. ALL EXPENSES WILL BE PAID BY HONG KONG GOVERNMENT, WHICH WILL APPROVE MR. FUNG'S APPLICATION FOR FUNDS UPON SUBMISSION OF HIS ITINERARY IN U.S. THEREFORE WE NEED SUGGESTED ITINERARY ASAP.

6. MR. FUNG WOULD HAVE BEEN EXCELLENT CANDIDATE FOR MULTI-REGIONAL PROJECT ON RURAL AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, MAY 8 TO 30, 1976, AS OUTLINED IN STATE TELEGRAM 043422, BUT POST HAD TO REQUEST FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE INSTEAD SINCE FY1976 ALLOCATION FULLY SPENT.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: TO ENABLE MR. FUNG OBTAIN FINAL GOVERNMENT APPROVAL, NEED SOONEST SUGGESTED ITINERARY AND INDICATION DEPARTMENTS WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE. TO REDUCE TRAVEL COSTS, PLAN SHOULD ENABLE FUNG TO BEGIN PROGRAM ON WEST COAST. CROSS

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